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## RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED January 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 21, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 22, 2003.

In the Action, restriction is required between **Group (I)**, Claims 1-10; and **Group (II)**, Claim 11.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of **Group (I)**, **Claims 1-10** for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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